

HOUSE No. 2622

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition of Marie J. Parente relative to the purchase of tobacco products by minors. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO BY MINORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 270 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 6A the following section:—
3 Section 6B. Any person under 18 years of age who purchases
4 or attempts to purchase tobacco in any form or makes arrange-
5 ments with any person to purchase or in any way procures such
6 tobacco or who willfully misrepresents his age, or in any way
7 alters, defaces or otherwise falsifies his identification offered as
8 proof of age with the intent of purchasing tobacco either for his
9 own use or the use of any other person shall be punished by a fine
10 of \$300 and whoever knowingly makes a false statement as to the
11 age of a person who is under 18 years of age in order to procure a
12 sale or delivery of such tobacco to such person under 18 years of
13 age, either for the use of the person under 18 years of age or for
14 the use of some other person and whoever induces a person under
15 18 years of age to make a false statement as to his age in order to
16 procure a sale or delivery of such tobacco shall be punished by a
17 fine of \$300. A conviction of a violation of this section shall be
18 reported forthwith to the registrar of motor vehicles by the court.
19 Upon receipt of such notice the registrar shall thereupon suspend
20 for 180 days the defendant's license or right to operate a motor
21 vehicle.